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Reader's Viewpoint:**Raps Policy In Viet Nam**

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Editor, The News:

I have not noticed any wide publication of the fact that Ngo Dinh Nhu's private Vietnamese style SS force which carried out the raids on Buddhist pagoda's and rebellious schoolboys is paid a monthly stipend of \$250,000 by our own CIA! Furthermore, according to I. F. Stone's Bi-Weekly of Sept. 16, our CIA men are almost unanimously against continuation of this policy and when the stipend was paid as usual this last time they took the "mutinous step of spilling the story to U. S. newsmen in Saigon. . . Conditions must be pretty bad when our own trained anti-Communist cloak and dagger men find U. S. policies more than they can take."

The newsletter continues "If we were wise, instead of weakly stubborn, we would welcome de Gaulle's initiative as a means of getting us off the hook and providing a graceful way out. De Gaulle's right to speak, we forget, is solidly based

on France's membership in SEATO and its signature on the 1954 accords which ended the war in Indochina, accords we have broken by blocking the free elections they promised and sending troops into the area."

The Diem regime we are forcing upon the people of Vietnam is in fact so bad that its prolonged existence has brought together all his opposition and if we would only allow it, there is strong likelihood that a neutralized South Vietnam coalition regime could be formed and the essential trade between North and South Vietnam resumed. France is only telling us what we all should know in our hearts and from our history: that the struggle in Vietnam is for freedom from interference from us as well as other powers and that we cannot win against a hostile people, especially with the non-American tactics we have used.

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